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# REPORT

ON THE

## General Health and Sanitary Conditions

DURING THE YEAR 1925,

Pertaining to the said Urban District of Little Crosby

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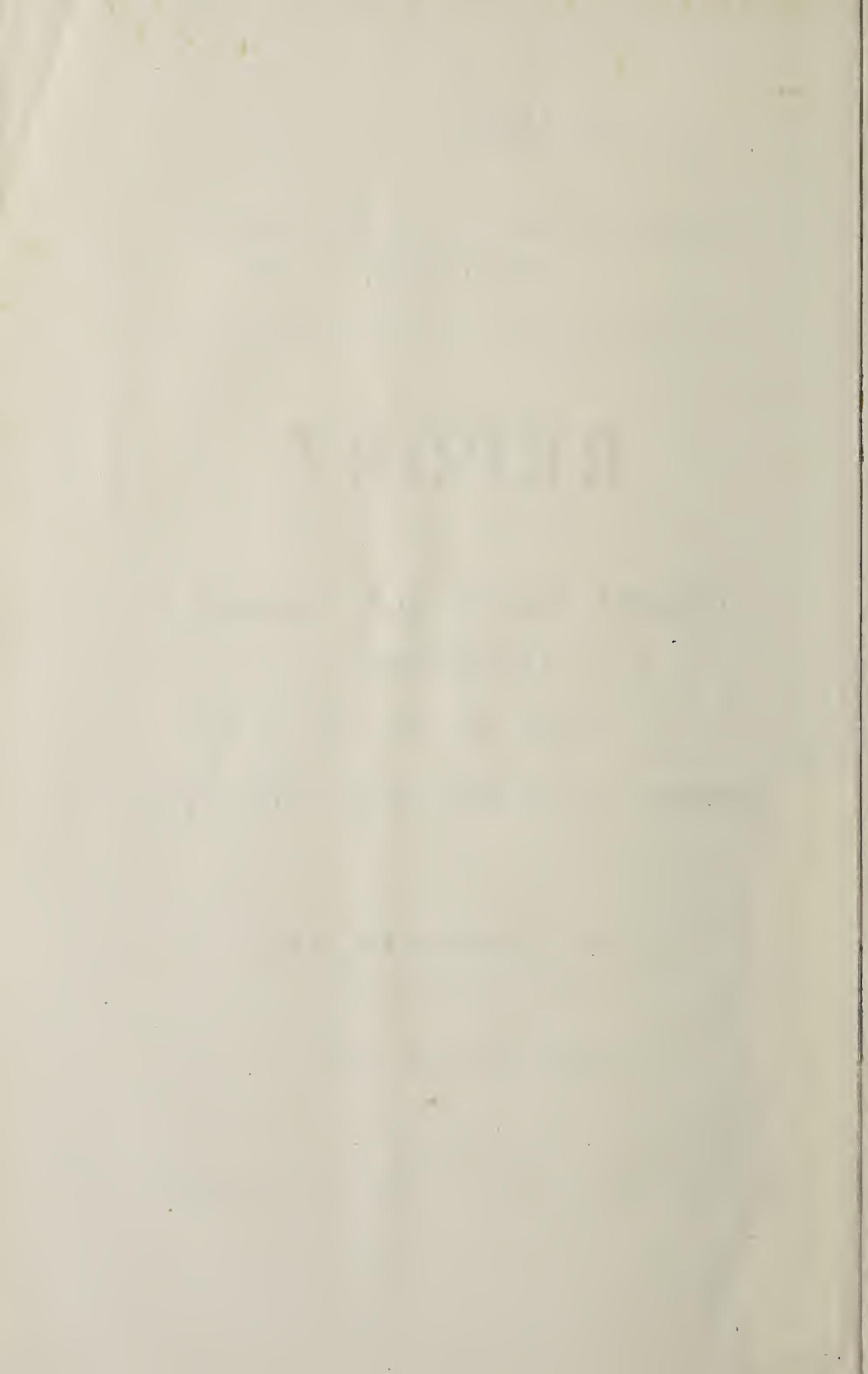
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF LITTLE CROSBY (LANCS.)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1925.

To THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
LITTLE CROSBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

The Annual Report of 1925 resembles its immediate predecessors in that it contains little but what is satisfactory concerning the general health of the community, and the sanitary condition of the district.

The death rate has been phenomenally low, and taken in conjunction with that of last year, must be almost a record, though it must be borne in mind that, as our total numbers are so small, a small difference in the number of deaths makes a big difference to the rate.

The birth rate, though above that of last year, still remains much below the average for the whole country.

Only one case of Infectious Disease, compulsorily notifiable—Scarlet Fever—has occurred. There were many cases of Measles during the last few months of the year, but it has not been necessary to advise the closing of the Schools.

The Report of last year was a good one and this year's is even more satisfactory.

#### GENERAL STATISTICS.

##### Boundaries

The District is bounded :—On the North by the Sefton Rural District, which includes Ince Blundell; on the East by the same districts of Ince Blundell and Thornton; on the South by Great Crosby, and on the West by Great Crosby and the River Alt.

##### Area

The area is 1,919 acres.

**Population**

The population for the Census 1921 was 1,123. The estimated population for the year 1925 is 1,264. This includes 3 Public Institutions with a population of 185.

**Inhabited Houses**

Number of Families or Separate Occupiers

Rateable Value

Penny Rate

The number of inhabited houses is 238, of which 4 were vacant on December 31st, 1925.

240.

£11,469.

Produces £35 : 12 : 4.

**VITAL STATISTICS.****Birth Rate**

In 1925 there were 15 births: eight male and seven female, giving a birth rate of 11.6 per thousand of the population.

**Death Rate**

In 1925 there were 4 deaths: two male and two female, giving a death rate of 3.1 per thousand of the population.

**Infant Mortality**

As there were no deaths in Infants (under 1 year) the Infantile death rate is *nil* per thousand births.

**RATES PER 1,000 OF POPULATION.**

Mean of 10 years	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Death Rate from Tubercu- losis of Respira- tory System	Rate of Deaths under 1 year to 1000 Births
1915-1924	17.1	9.55	.78	39
1924 ...	10.6	8.9	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>
1925 ...	11.8	3.1	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>
Increase or Decrease in 1925 on 10 yrs. avg.	- 5.3	- 6.45	- 0.78	- 39
Prev. year	+ 1.2	- 5.8	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>

There were no deaths from Infantile Diarrhoea, Whooping Cough or Measles.

**Infectious Disease**

Only one case of a compulsorily notifiable infectious disease occurred, namely a case of Scarlet Fever, making a rate of 0.8 per 1000.

**Causes of Death**

No cases of Tuberculosis or Ophthalmia Neonatorum occurred.

- 1 (S.W.) in March, female, 88 years, Cerebral Hæmorrhage, Cardiac Failure.
- 2 (M.S.) in April, male, 50 years, Cerebral Hæmorrhage, Coma.
- 3 (E.C.) in May, female, 4 years, Pneumonia.
- 4 (A.J.J.) in May, female, 47 years, Cerebral Embolism.
- 5 (S.C.) in Sept., male, 10 years, Pericarditis  
Osteomyditis.

The above list includes 1 "Transferable Death," which is not included in the above Death Rate.

**Hospital Arrangements**

An arrangement has been made with the City of Liverpool Authorities for the admission both of general and infectious cases to one or other of their Hospitals so long as accommodation is available.

Venereal Clinics and Treatment Centres are within easy reach of the district.

**Midwives**

There are no Midwives on the Register and none practising as such, but the needs of the community are sufficiently met.

**Sick Visiting and Nurses**

The County Sick Visitor takes charge of the suitable cases of the district. There is also a Philanthropic Committee which provides a District Nurse, who works in this and the adjoining Parishes amongst the Sick Poor.

**Laboratory Work**

The County provides Officials for the duties of Milk and Meat Inspections and also undertakes the Bacteriological and Analytical work of the Urban District.

**Public Health Staff**

A. J. W. CUNNINGHAM, D.P.H., M.O.H.

A. T. BRUNSKILL, Clerk.

THOMAS MASSOM, Surveyor, Collector,  
and Sanitary Inspector.

*All Officials are Part-time Officers.*

**Sanitary  
Adminis-  
tration**

All dwellings where Infectious or Contagious Diseases have been notified are thoroughly disinfected and the bedding, &c., stoved. The Sewerage of the district receives special attention both in the water-borne sewerage of the Hightown Section and in the conditions prevailing in the Rural and Village Sections.

**Dairies**

The Dairies (Farm) and the Farm Shippions have been inspected.

**Housing and  
Town  
Planning**

There were 6 new houses erected in the district during 1925. The number of houses specially inspected was 70. Suggestions made with a view to improving the Sanitary conditions have been carried out. No closing orders necessary or issued.

**Housing**

There were no proceedings under the Public Health Act necessary, nor under Sections 17 and 18 of the Housing and Town Planning Acts.

The Sanitary Inspector reports that in 1925 there were—

Water Closets	...	166
Dry Earth Closets	...	7
Privies	...	63

There was one "conversion" carried out during the year 1925.

The fact that the district consists, on the one hand, of the Residential portion of Hightown where all the houses are new and the conveniences of the latest type, and, on the other, of the Rural and Village Section of Little Crosby, owned entirely by one landlord, whose agents are readily accessible, makes the supervision of the general Sanitation and Housing conditions a matter which calls for little special report.

The General Health of the district has in 1925 fully maintained its high reputation.

I have the honour to remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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*Medical Officer of Health.*

*January, 1926.*



